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The already very apparent depression and apathy, resentment, and lack of will to work are on the increase and everywhere people are so embittered, and work as a result is in such a muddle, that it is a wonder anything gets done at all.

Examples:

1. In Borsodnádás the order form for a very important order from the State Railways, MAV, for which the material was available, and the necessary working time had been earmarked, was overlooked and not made out.
2. In Diósgyőr an official of the Ministry of Communications, who was down on an inspection tour enquired into the position of the delivery of wheel rims and was told that none had been included in the plan for the second quarter. He went to report this to the Ministry of Metallurgy and Machine Industry and the officer in charge of the relevant section met him smiling and saying that it was quite out of the question that such a thing could occur. However, on looking through his papers, he found that it actually was so and could not thank his colleague enough for having unearthed this fact in time to repair the damage. The plan for the 2nd quarter, which had been worked out and checked by the Ministry of Metallurgy and Machine Industry and was approved by the Planning Office, did not contain one single wheel rim, either for the railways or for the streetcars.

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3. On about 22 April 1952, Alajos Tihanyi, A Deputy Minister of Mines and Power, went down to the Halimba Bauxite Mine to inspect the progress of the new industrial railway line being built to connect the mine with the main railway network. He was met there by a delegation from the Ministry of Communications and officials from the Board of the Maszobal Combine. The Russians on this board insisted that the construction of this railway line must be speeded up. The railway experts replied that this could only be done if the necessary machines could be delivered, and that these had been diverted elsewhere by the Planning Office to more important projects. The Maszobal officials therefore applied to the Planning Office for a ruling and were informed that this was true, and in consequence the Halimba line construction had to be suspended.
4. Apart from a certain malicious satisfaction at seeing confusion in the ministries, this episode has not improved the morale in the Halimba mine. The Manager, Béla Tetsényi, who has had much experience in opening other bauxite mines, both in Yugoslavia and other parts of Hungary, feels frustrated because he knows it is impossible to continue the planned expansion of this mine, for lack of machinery. There have been several cases of severe punishment of absenteeism recently. Of three workers who were arrested for this crime, one was sentenced to 8 months' imprisonment and 20 percent reduction of wages and one to 1 year and 50 percent reduction of wages. The man with the lighter sentence was told that he was entitled to appeal but was advised not to, since he would probably only succeed in worsening his case. Emboldened by drink he put in his appeal, and was given the same sentence as the second worker.

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